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Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for Provision of Technical Support for Remedial Activities at the Asbestos Dump Site (Operable Unit Two), Morris County, New Jersey

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Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to request funds for an interagency agreement (IAG) between the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This funding will provide for FWS personnel to furnish direct support to EPA as technical advisor on matters relating to the assessment of environmental risk posed by releases at the site. Further, the FWS will assist in evaluation of proposed remediation alternatives, comment on potential impacts to the environment and, if needed, evaluate the effectiveness of proposed habitat restoration plans.

Background

The Asbestos Dump Site is a National Priority List Site which consists of four properties located in southeastern Morris County, New Jersey. These four properties are the Millington Site, the Dietzman Tract, the New Vernon Road Site, and the White Bridge Road Site. The Asbestos Dump Site project was divided into two operable units. The subject of the first operable unit is the Millington Site. A record of decision (ROD) for the Millington Site was signed on September 30, 1988. Negotiations for implementation of the remedial action are currently in progress. The subjects of the second operable unit are the Dietzman Tract, the New Vernon Road Site, and the White Bridge Road Site. The second operable unit sites need to be accurately mapped and characterized, and their impacts on the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge must be determined. Accurate delineation of the contamination in and adjacent to the refuge is necessary to choose an appropriate remedial action and minimize risk to the refuge.

Future Activities

The first operable unit negotiations are expected to conclude in 89/4. Either a consent decree with the responsible party or a unilateral order is expected to be signed in 89/4 for implementation of the remedy. RI/FS activity for the second operable unit is expected to begin in 89/4. Remedy selection for the second operable unit is scheduled for 90/4.

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Recommendation

The estimated cost of the FWS work at the site is \$80,000. I recommend that you sign the attached copies of the IAG at your earliest convenience. I am also available to discuss this request at your convenience.

Attachment

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